

REMARKS

Claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 5-8, 10 and 12-13 are pending in the present application. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

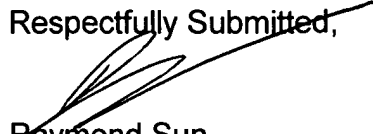
All the claims appear to be rejected based on USP 6,612,453 to Joo-Tai ("JT") and USP 5,762,569 to Hale ("Hale"). In this regard, the office action did not state the statutory ground(s) for the rejection(s), referring only to the "newly discovered reference(s) Joo-Tai in view of Hale", so Applicant can only guess at the ground(s) of rejection. **For this reason, Applicant is not able to ascertain the true nature of the rejection, and to avoid unfairly prejudicing Applicant, submits that the next office action (if any) should be non-final.**

Independent claim 5 has not been amended. Claim 5 currently recites a sleeve that is attached to the covering, the sleeve retaining the wire, and an electrical line retained inside the sleeve and coupled to the electronic device. The Examiner asserts that FIG. 5 of Hale shows an electronic line retained in a sleeve. However, while FIG. 5 of Hale shows an electric line, there is no sleeve, and that electronic line is NOT retained in any sleeve-like element. Element 18 in FIG. 5 is a clip, and element 20 is an extending portion of that clip 18. Therefore, there are no sleeves or sleeve-like elements in FIG. 5 of Hale. Therefore, even if Hale can be properly combined with JT (which Applicant does not concede), this combination will not yield all the elements in claim 5. For this reason, claim 5, and claims 6-8, 10 and 12-13 depending therefrom, are submitted to be allowable over JT and Hale.

Claim 10 depends from claim 5 and further recites another electronic device attached to the sleeve. The Examiner asserts that FIG. 7 of Hale shows another electronic device from the device in FIG. 5. However, FIG. 7 shows an electronic device (sensor 22) that is identical to the sensor 22 in FIG. 5. These two devices are the SAME. Therefore, Hale clearly does not teach or suggest an electronic device that is in addition to the electronic device recited in claim 5. In addition, claim 10 recites nother electronic device attached to the sleeve. As pointed out above, Hale has no sleeve so this limitation cannot be met by Hale. Thus, claim 10 is submitted to contain additional patentable subject matter.

In light of the above, allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any further amendments are needed to place this application in condition for allowance.

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